Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

June 5, 2013 - 4:00 p.m. Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Connell, Ferrara, Kozak, Lickness, Metge, Peltola, Rice,

Sandberg, Schwarzkopf

Commissioners Absent: Cohen, Dolan (excused), Johnson (excused), Rubenstein (excused)

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

Sandberg moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Cohen, Dolan, Johnson, Rice, Rubenstein.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of May 1, 2013

Sandberg moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2013. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Cohen, Dolan, Johnson, Rice, Rubenstein.

4. Chair's Report

The July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10.

Commissioner Gerdes' resignation has been forwarded to Chief Judge Cahill. Applications were on file from the last Charter Commission vacancy and those applicants are being contacted to determine if they are still interested in serving.

Clegg stated the he would be emailing Commissioners about working outside the Commission to support passage of the proposed amendment. Commissioners interested in obtaining a t-shirt supporting passage of the Plain Language Charter should contact Chair Clegg.

Discussion

5. Plain Language Charter Education and Outreach Committee: Update.

Schwarzkopf stated that at the committee meeting held in May, it was decided to begin contacting civic organizations that could support the Plain Language Charter amendment. Commissioner Ferrara has contacted two organizations. The next meeting is planned for the week of June 10. Commissioners will be notified when a date and location are determined.

Chair Clegg will review the Charter Commission's website and work with the Clerk's Office to update the information relating to the final version of the Plain Language Charter.

Clegg clarified that there would be two ballot questions relating to the Plain Language Charter. One question will relate to the bulk of the Plain Language Charter, which has a 51% approval requirement. The other question will cover the liquor provision which, under State law, has a 55% approval requirement. If both questions are passed by 53%, all of the Charter would be replaced except the liquor provisions.

Lickness inquired if the Plain Language Charter would be translated into other languages. Assistant City Attorney Osborne stated that he was unaware of plans to translate.

Public Commentary

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

Sandberg moved to adjourn. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Cohen, Dolan, Johnson, Rubenstein.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator